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SLEEPER 1
EXTREME CRAZY EVENTS

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HA
MIK?
HA
HA
MIK?
HA
YOU CALLED ME.
MEN FASHION GODS, BUT CALL UPON DEMONS
COME NOW ...
HA
HA

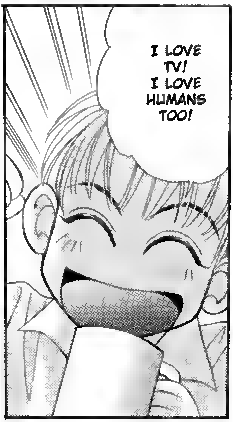
UWAAAAA
COME TO THE WORLD OF DARKNESS
FLOMP

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, MIKI?
YOU WERE MOAN-ING
RYU...
I'M FINE, SORRY...
DID YOU HAVE THE E-DAY DREAM AGAIN?

SQUEEZE
EVIL-DAY
——THE DAY OF EVIL
FROM THAT DAY TEN YEARS AGO...

WE STOPPED BEING HUMAN...

I KNOW!
RYU! YOU'D BETTER BE QUIET SINCE IT'S A BROAD-CAST!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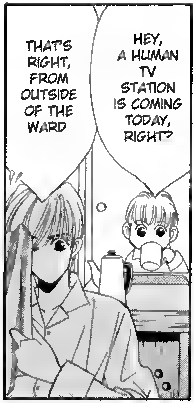

THAT'S RIGHT, FROM OUTSIDE OF THE WARD
HEY, A HUMAN TV STATION IS COMING TODAY, RIGHT?

BANG
CRAP!
MOR...
SHHHH! MAO'S SLEEPING!
MORNIN'!
GOOD MORNING

NNNNN
YO!!
CROW-CHAN
Hello
AND RIN
OH? THERE'S MAO
HE ALWAYS DOES, RIGHT?
He's live you know? LIVE!
GEEZ! HE DOES WHAT HE WANTS TO
HE SAID HE'D GO STRAIGHT TO THE STATION .....
WHERE'S ROW?
WHAT IS IT CROW-CHAN?
HEY, LOOK

SLEEPER
THEY'RE PLAYING OUR VIDEO,
ON THE WARD GOVERNMENTAL OFFICE MULTIVISION

RIN
MAO
CROW
RYU
ROW
MIKI
DON'T SLEEP
SLEEPER
SLEEPER
SLEEPER
DON'T SLEEP
NOW ON SALE

IT'S A LICENSE,
TO ESTABLISH THAT WE AREN'T MAD DOGS.
IS IT A DEMON? CAN WE EAT IT?
WHAT'S A MAD DOG? WHAT'S A LICENSE?
DEMON SPECIAL AUTONOMOUS WARD
—— POPULARLY KNOW AS THE "OUMA WARD"
SLEEPER IS THE OUMA WARD OFFICIAL IDOL.
THAT'S KIND OF UNCOOL - THE OUMA WARD OFFICIAL IDOL
WHAT'S OFFICIAL?
SLEEP
SLEEPER IS THE OUMA WARD OFFICIAL IDOL.

THE RESIDENTS ARE ALL DEMONS.
THERE IS NOT A SINGLE HUMAN.
NOT A SINGLE ONE...
THE RECLAIMED LAND FORMED DURING THE ECONOMIC BUBBLE. THE HIGH-TECH INDUSTRY HAD COMPETED TO BUILD THE TALLEST BUILDING, WITH CORPORATE COMPUTER GIANT, OCTAGON, AT IT'S HEART.
THE METROPOLIS OF THE FUTURE. A SEASIDE CITY OF ADVANCED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY THAT NEVER SLEPT.

APRIL 30TH, 10 YEARS AGO (CALLED E-DAY AFTERWARDS) THE EXPLOSION AT OCTAGON LED TO A TRANSFORMATION OF THE CITY
THE DEMONS THAT HAD BEEN SEALED BY THE RIGID SHELL OF CIVILIZATION EMERGED FROM DIMENSIONAL CRACKS
OVER 50,000 DEAD OF THE APPROX-IMATELY 60,000 INHABIT-ANTS
THE POWERFUL MAGNETIC WAVES EMITTED AT THE SAME TIME CUT OFF THE SEA, LAND AND AIR ROUTES
THE COUNTRY THEN SPENT 5 YEARS CLOSING OFF THIS MAN-MADE ISLAND

5 YEARS AFTER E-DAY, AN INVESTIGATIVE TEAM MADE CONTACT WITH THE SURVIVORS
BUT THEY WERE NO LONGER HUMAN.
THEY WERE NAMED "OUMA"
A FUSION OF DEMON AND HUMAN.
THOSE THAT LOOKED MORE LIKE DEMONS WERE CALLED "KIJIN"
THERE WERE PURE DEMONS THAT ALSO LIVED THERE BUT AS MOST TOOK HUMAN FORM IT WAS DIFFICULT TO DISTINGUISH THEM.
THAT COULD USE DEMONIC POWER WHILE HAVING THE RATIONALITY OF HUMANS

HEY, MIKI WHAT'S A TREND SPOT ?
WHAT THE HELL IS ROW DOING? THE BROADCAST STARTED ALREADY
TODAY WE HAVE A LIVE BROADCAST FROM THE OUMA WARD OF ALL PLACES!
THE TREND SPOT THAT HAS GATHERED ATTENTION SINCE ENTRY WAS ALLOWED 2 YEARS AGO
FORMERLY CABLE BAY TELEVISION
CURRENTLY MA (DEMON) TV STUDIO
IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR US TO GO ON AND ROW ISN'T HERE YET
HE'S NOT PLANNING ON SKIPPING THIS, IS HE?
CREAK
I'VE NEVER SEEN THAT CHERRY BLOSSOM TREE BLOOM
Flowers don't bloom in the Ouma Ward in general
I'd like to do some flower viewing
THOUGH THE OUMA WARD HAS A VERY DANGEROUS IMAGE,
THE COASTAL AREA IS QUITE SAFE AND THERE ARE EVEN FASHIONABLE RESTURANTS LIKE THIS!
THE CEMETERY IN THE COASTAL PARK HAS A LARGE CHERRY BLOSSOM TREE AND THEY SAY FLOWER VIEWING CAN BE ENJOYED THERE

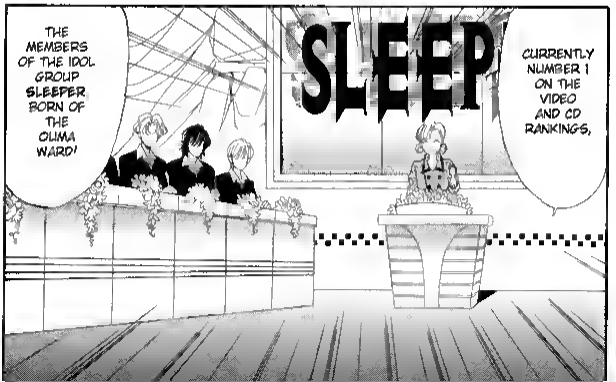
ROW
!
HUH? OH
ROW-KUN OF SLEEPER HAS...
AH?!
GRAB

I'M SORRY TO HAVE KEPT YOU WAITING
I AM AN OUMA WHO MIMICS BEING A HUMAN
Um~
AND WE ARE THE ULTIMATE EXHIBITION OF THIS CENTURY,
DEMONS WHO SING AND DANCE!
SLEEPER!
He does love to stand out.
You..!!
DANCING
LIGHT UP

WHAT?
IT'S JUST A HUMAN TV SHOW
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, ROW...?
GO TO COMMERCIAL
WE'LL BE GOING TO COMMERCIAL NOW
AFTER THAT WE'LL HAVE SLEEPER, THE GROUP THAT EVERYONE'S BEEN WAITING FOR!
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS "OUMA WARD SPECIAL"?
PROSTITUTION, SMALL ARMS, ILLEGAL DRUGS
ORGAN TRADE
THEY AVERT THEIR EYES FROM THE SHADY PARTS,
AND ONLY LOOK AT THE SILLY SURFACE PARTS

ROW!
RARE ANIMALS
TO THEM WE OUMA ARE
ROW DOESN'T LIKE HUMANS AFTER ALL
60 SECONDS TO END OF THE COMMERCIAL! PLEASE STANDBY!
HEY, IT'S SHOWTIME YOU TWO
LISTEN ROW,
IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE HUMANS

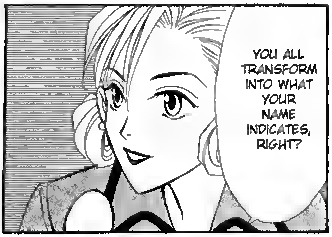
I'LL DO MY JOB FOR YOU
THIS IS A JOB. DO IT PROPERLY
kya
KICK
pa!
KICK
YOU GUYS DO IT PROPERLY TOO!!
SPLENDID! YOU'RE A WILD ANIMAL TAMER!
CLAP
CLAP

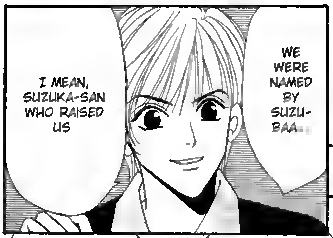

THE MEMBERS OF THE IDOL GROUP SLEEPER BORN OF THE OUMA WARD!
SLEEP
CURRENTLY NUMBER 1 ON THE VIDEO AND CD RANKINGS,

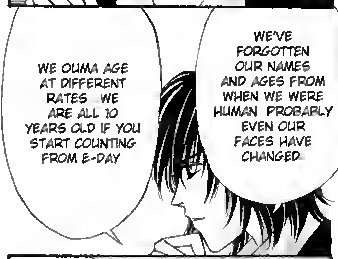
ROW-SAN, YOU'VE BEEN SELECTED AS THE NUMER 1 "DEMON WOMEN WANT TO SLEEP WITH" IN A WOMAN'S MAGAZINE, HAVEN'T YOU?
AH
WELL
WHISPER
IT'S YOUR JOB
SM ILE
As if
Really
Happy
THOUGH IT DOESN'T FEEL REAL TO ME, IT'S QUITE AN HONOR
SLEEPED
THEN SHALL WE TALK AS WE WATCH THIS VIDEO CLIP?

TRANCE
ROW
MAO
TRANCE
WHEN EMOTIONS ARE HEIGHTENED, COMMON SENSE IS LOST AND LATENT DEMON THOUGHTS AND ABILITIES ARE AWAKENED

CROW
IN THE CASE OF THE OUMA THEIR FORMS ARE AFFECTED AS WELL
RIN
MIKI
RYU






WE OUMA AGE AT DIFFERENT RATES WE ARE ALL 10 YEARS OLD IF YOU START COUNTING FROM E-DAY
WE'VE FORGOTTEN OUR NAMES AND AGES FROM WHEN WE WERE HUMAN PROBABLY EVEN OUR FACES HAVE CHANGED

*THIS IS ALSO A PLAY ON WORDS THE WORD FOR SHIRT SOUNDS LIKE THE WORD FOR BALLS (ALSO IN THE CRUDE SENSE)

SLEEPER

I CALL FORTH A WILL-O'-WISP. IT'S VERY USEFUL AS I CAN DO THINGS LIKE ERECT FIELDS OF POWER AND SENSE MALEVOLENCE.
IT'S LIKE A BEAUTIFUL PRIVATE SECRETARY
He's saying nonsensical things again.
I SEE
LIKE I SAID, IT'S A CAT SPIRIT
WHAT—?
BUT WHEN I DO, I WANT TO BE BIG AND STRONG!
I'M STILL SMALL AND CAN'T TRANCE!
Like Godzilla!!
HOW STUPID!
WHY NOT? CALL ME AN ANGEL WHEN I GET WHITE WINGS
WHAT ARE YOU SPOUTING OFF...?
I'LL WORK HARD AND SOMEDAY HAVE WHITE WINGS!
DO YOU TRANCE?
MIKI-SAN,

* THE FIRST CHARACTER IN "MIKI" MEANS "CHARMING".

I'M SURE YOU'LL HAVE A VERY CHARMING FORM. *
BUT YOUR NAME IS MIKI
WA-I!! YOU'RE A KID! A KID!!
AREN'T YOU JUST A LATE BLOOMER?
Yes. I'm an idol even like this...
NO- I SEEM TO BE THE ONLY ONE FALLING SHORT
He He He
THE "MI" IS THE MI OF "CHIMMOU-RYOU"...
IT MEANS A MONSTER.
BORN FROM THE MOUNTAINS AND RIVERS. THE TREES AND STONES WITH HUMAN HEADS AND ANIMAL BODIES. THEY RUN AROUND ON FOUR LEGS AND PREFER EATING HUMAN LIVERS

SUZUKA-SAN IS A PURE DEMON,
SO SHE MUST BE ABLE TO SEE WHAT MONSTER POSSESSES ME
MIKI ...
HUMANS ARE STRANGE CREA-TURES.
THEY USE THE SAME WORDS FOR THINGS THAT FASCINATE THEM AND FOR MONSTERS
"DEMONS ARE ABHORRED AND YET CAN'T HELP BUT FASCIN TE PEOPLE...."
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO...
FINDING OUT WHAT KIND OF MONSTER I TURN INTO WHEN I TRANCE...

IT APPROACHES
IN MY DREAMS
THE DEMON VOICE THAT CALLS TO ME
MIKI
MIKI
MIKI

WORDS THAT AREN'T PRONOUNCED,

THAT HUMANS CAN'T HEAR,

CLICK
CLICK

THANKS!
THANK-YOU!

THEN I'M GOING TO HOOK UP WITH THAT HUMAN WOMAN AND SLEEP WITH HER.
NO.

WANT TO COME OVER TONIGHT?

GO AHEAD
YOU CAN'T EVEN SEDUCE A GROUP MEMBER, HOW CAN YOU BE THE DEMON PEOPLE WANT TO SLEEP WITH?
UGH!
SUZU-BAA!
SLASH
YOU JUST LOOK YOUNG BECAUSE YOUR AURA WOULD BE TOO STRONG IF YOU WEREN'T IN A CHILD'S FORM!
WHO ARE YOU CALLING A HAG? I'M A SWEET MAIDEN!
YOU TALK BIG BUT YOU'RE STILL A BABE IN ARMS
SHUT UP, YOU OLD HAG!!

WHY ARE YOU HERE, SUZU-BAA?
FOR A MEETING ABOUT A REGULAR SHOW
A REGULAR SHOW?! I HAVEN'T HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT THAT!!
I ALSO HAD TO MEET WITH THE ADVERTISING AGENCY
Oh my~ I'm so busy.
DON'T DECIDE THESE THINGS ON YOUR OWN, SUZU-BAA!
ARE YOU TRYING TO KILL US?!
GAAAH! YOU INGRATES!!
WHO DO YOU THINK GOT YOU THIS FAR?!
YOU MUST REPAY ME
BY MAKING A LOT OF MONEY
YOU'RE A DEMON
Literally true.
OH, YES MIKI

YOU SHOULD GO HOME ALONG THE COASTAL AREA WHEN IT'S LATE
BECAUSE THE MALEVOLENCE OF THE KIJIN TOWN IS AT IT'S PEAK NEAR THE FULL MOON.
THE FULL MOON...
I'M TIRED ALREADY. LET'S GO...
THE FULL MOON STIRS UP THE DEMON INSIDE...
ROW...
WHEN THE THIRST FOR PEOPLE GROWS INTENSE

CAN I COME AND SOAK...
IN YOUR TUB?
No way but he's saying it with such a scary face...
WHAT! YOU SAID YOU'D GO TO THE DENNOUYA WITH ME!
That we'd GO buy a game!
SORRY I CAN'T TODAY GO ON HOME, OKAY?
SHALL I TAKE HIM TO THE DENNOUYA?
There's a CD I wanted to buy
SORRY CROW, THANKS

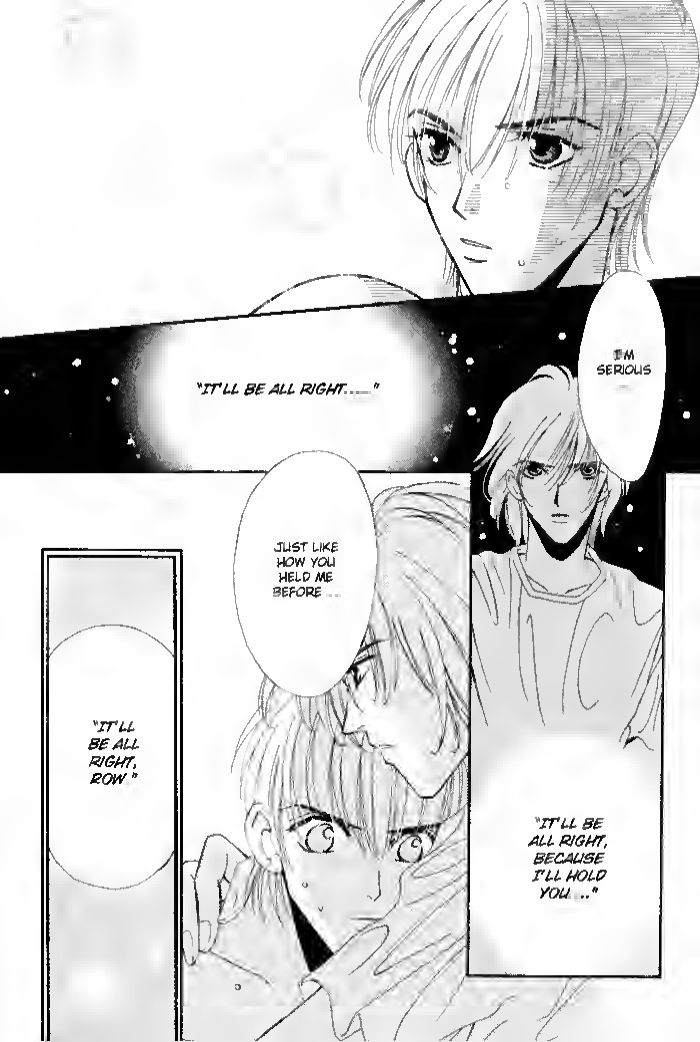
BUT ACTUALLY, I KNOW WHAT YOUR 'SECRET' IS, MIKI....
FORMER BAY AREA HOTEL CURRENTLY OUMA WARD PUBLIC HOUSING
IT'S A SECRET
WHERE ARE YOU GOING, MIKI?
...IT'S ALWAYS, A 'SECRET'

DIP

YOU REALLY ARE A BATHING FANATIC, AREN'T YOU?
You're so cheerful when you're in a bath.

NAH... I CAN APPRECIATE IT BECAUSE I ONLY USE IT ONCE IN A WHILE
Such a gorgeous bath
YOU SHOULD MOVE FROM THE KIJIN TOWN AND LIVE HERE
IT FEELS GOOD!
It's so nice a suite in a former hotel
THOUGH THE FEE
IS A BIT HIGH
MAY I TAKE A BATH WITH YOU?

SPLOOSH
DON'T COME IN WITH YOUR CLOTHES ON!!
TOO LATE.
SPLASH
STOP IT YOU IDIOT!
MAN, AND HERE I WAS RELAXING BY MYSELF
EARLIER
WHAT I SAID TO YOU AT THE STUDIO.


"IT'LL BE ALL RIGHT....."
I'M SERIOUS
"IT'LL BE ALL RIGHT, BECAUSE I'LL HOLD YOU..."
JUST LIKE HOW YOU HELD ME BEFORE...
"IT'LL BE ALL RIGHT, ROW."

"BECAUSE I'LL HOLD YOU..."
"IT'LL BE ALL RIGHT..."
"THERE'S NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF, ROW...."
TRANCE
I MIGHT
NEVER
SPLISH

...TSU
EVEN THOUGH YOU CAN HEAR DEMON WORDS?
IF YOU NEVER TRANCE....
THEN YOU MIGHT NOT BE AN OUMA, BUT A TRUE DEMON
...ROW.

LET ME BITE YOU....
AND TASTE YOU TO YOUR VERY BONES...
IDIOT... DON'T TRANCE OVER SOMETHING LIKE THIS...
AND WITH YOUR FINGERS
I'LL ENTWINE MY FINGERS IN YOUR HAIR,
TO ME, 'MIKI' IS TEMPTATION.
AND YOUR DEMON POWERS WILL SURELY TEMPT AND FASCINATE...

...NOW.
CRY SOME MORE.
...YOU BAST..
I LOVE THE TASTE OF YOUR TEARS
...I'LL KILL YOU!

CLUNK
THUD
THEN, LET'S DIE TOGETHER

YOU'RE WARM WHEN I HOLD YOU...

SAAAAA
He's cold...
BUT YOU'RE A COLD GUY...

I GUESS NOT...
RAIN?
FORMER COASTAL PARK
CURRENTLY HUMAN
CEMETERY

THE HUMAN CEMETARY CHERRY BLOSSOM TREE THAT DOESN'T BLOOM...
SLIGHT MALEVO-LENCE FROM THE TREE?
WHAT IS IT?
WHY ARE YOU CRYING?

I'M SCARED ....
I'M SCARED ....
DON'T BE SCARED I'M MIKI
I WON'T DO ANYTHING TO YOU, SO COME OUT
ALIENS
I'M SCARED ....
MIKI ....?
WHO ..?
I'M ALONE ....
SCARED ..!

YOU'VE POSSESSED THE SPIRIT OF THIS TREE, HAVEN'T YOU?
I DON'T KNOW...
WHY ...?
I'M SCARED ....
I WANT TO GO BACK...
YOU MUST BE A CHERRY BLOSSOM TREE PLACED HERE TO APPEASE VENGEFUL SPIRITS.
PEOPLE WHO DIE WITH GRUDGES AND RESENTMENT TURN TO BONE AS THEY ARE ENVELOPED BY THE ROOTS OF A CHERRY BLOSSOM TREE.

I DON'T KNOW...
I DON'T LIKE THIS.. I WANT TO GO BACK...
IF YOU DON'T BLOOM,
NO ONE CAN REST PEACE-FULLY
...ME?
YES
THE DESIRES AND SORROWS THAT ARE LEFT BEHIND...
ARE PURIFIED WHEN THEY BLOOM AS PURE WHITE FLOWERS
YOU MUST HOLD THEIR SOULS CLOSE AND TAKE THEM TO THE UNDERWORLD
.....
THE UNDER-WORLD ....

THE SOULS OF PEOPLE JUST AS LONELY AS YOU
IS EVERYONE... LONELY?
YES— EVERYONE WHO LIVES IN THIS CITY—
I'M ONE OF THE LUCKY ONES,
FRIENDS?
BECAUSE I HAVE FRIENDS
I'LL BRING THEM ALONG NEXT TIME!
THEN YOU WON'T BE LONELY

WE CAN SING TOO...
.....
MK!... YOU CAN'T SING...
THAT'S AWFUL OF YOU TO SAY. I'M AN IDOL, YOU KNOW...
YOU CAN'T BE AN IDOL!
YOU'RE SO MUCH CUTER WHEN YOU SMILE!
WELL, THIS TIME I'LL SING SERIOUSLY.
I'M BETTER AT SINGING IN THE DEMON SCALES THAN THE HUMAN ONES
Cough

I have returned,
How strange
it is ...
To live in the
Wilderness
of the
Ouma. ...
The pines towering
over the surrounds
struck by lightening
The starlight
from between the
clouds
Twinkling, Twinkling
You live
Where the
others live,
My heart
clamors,
thinking it
is a dream ...
A DEMON
LULLABY
FOR NIGHTS
WHEN YOU
CAN'T SLEEP

BUT I CAN SENSE A REALLY STRONG POWER...
DO YOU THINK YOU CAN SLEEP?
WHAT A GENTLE SONG...
HOW STRANGE... I CAN'T SEE MUCH MALEVOLENCE.
YEAH, I CAN'T TRANCE YET, SO I'M A SUPER WEAK OUMA

THE FLOWERS
ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE FLOWER PETALS
BEHIND YOU..
Hahaha

...WHO?!
WHO ARE YOU?!

Ml...
Kl...
SOME-ONE...
SOMEONE IS.....
THIS VOICE...?
GLAMOUR OF THE CHERRY BLOSSOMS.....?
Ml.....
Kl.....
SAAAAAAAA

SOMEONE IS
PROTECTING YOU....

OUMA, THE FUSION OF HUMAN AND DEMON
ROW! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
MAO! CROW! YOU GUYS STAY HIDDEN!
ONLY YOUR BODY IS HUGE...
THEIR TRUE NATURE, BE IT HUMAN OR BE IT DEMON
ROAR
#1 人間か悪魔か MAN OR EVIL II

THREE YEARS SINCE E-DAY WHEN THIS MAN-MADE ISLAND IN THE BAY HAD BEEN TRANSFORMED AND CLOSED OFF...
ALL THE HUMANS HAVE ALREADY DIED
IN THIS CITY IT IS THE SURVIVORS THAT ARE VICTORIOUS...
AND THAT IS SO ANNOYING!!
#1
人間か悪魔か
MAN OR EVIL II

WOW!
NOW WE CAN PICK AS MUCH MINT AS WE WANT!
HURRY. THE MALEVOLENCE IS STRONG IN THIS AREA, SO ANOTHER DEMON IS GOING TO COME SOON.
SCUFF
SCUFF
PLOP
WRAP

A BADGE OF YOUR DEEDS?
NOT THAT BIG A DEAL.
THEY'RE PROOF THAT ROW IS REALLY STRONG!
NOT YET
NOT UNTIL I CAN TRANCE AND USE DEMON POWERS.
I WANT TO BECOME STRONGER STRONGER SO THAT I CAN PROTECT EVERYONE...
BUT IT'LL HAPPEN SOON FOR YOU, RIGHT? SUZU-BAA SAID SO
THAT'S SO COOL- I WISH I COULD TRANCE SOON, TOO!
FORMERLY CHINATOWN
THE FUTURE KIJIN TOWN
GYAAA
I'M FED UP WITH BEING HUNTED ALREADY.

ROW
CLACK
IT SMELLS NICE
MINT?
THOUGH SUZU-BAA SAID THAT HE WOULD REGAIN HIS SIGHT WHEN HE TRANCED
DID YOU GO SOMEWHERE YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO AGAIN?
YOU SHOULD GET SUZU-BAA TO INFUSE THEM LATER.
RIN WAS SMALL, HIS BODY WEAK AND BLIND

I'M SORRY
WHY ARE YOU APOLOGIZING? IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU.
That's true.
NEW FRIENDS HAVE JOINED US TODAY
SUZU-BAA BROUGHT THEM.
A PRETTY ONE AND A SMALL ONE
PRETTY ONE?
YOU KNOW... I CAN SEE THINGS NO ELSE CAN, RIGHT?
I SAW A REALLY PRETTY AURA.

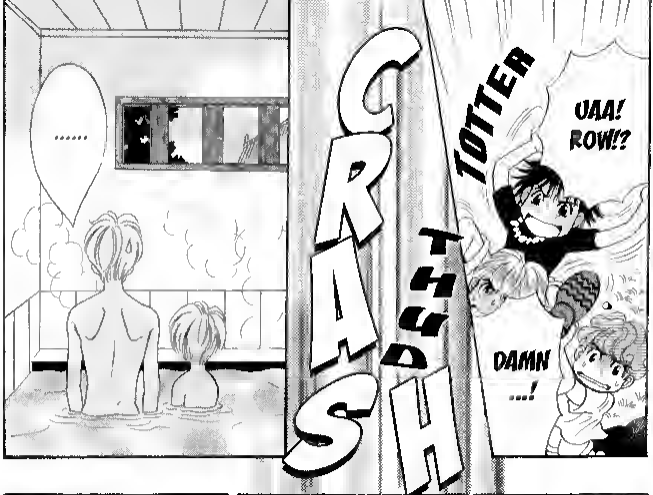
SOMEHOW
FAMILIAR AND DEAR...
THE NEWCOMERS ARE TAKING A BATH
SUZU-BAA
A STRANGE ONE.
FOLLOWED ME WHEN I SAID WE HAD A BATH.

I HEARD ONE WAS PRETTY. A GIRL? A GIRL?
A cutie?
Um..I was talking about auras.
GO TAKE A BATH! YOU HAVE A BLOODY STENCH...
YOU'RE SO BOSSY! I GOT IT!
SMACK
OUCH!
IDIOT, THEY'RE BOTH BOYS!!
BUT, ROW...
HE CERTAINLY IS A PRETTY ONE
BECAUSE I, SUZUKA, ONLY RAISE BEAUTIES!
HO- HOHO HOHO
WHAT'S WITH THIS OLD HAG...

SHHHH!
LET'S NOT PEEP.
KEEP IT STEADY.
HEY, ROW, ARE YOU SURE IT'S OKAY?
-Heavy.
WE'RE JUST SCOUTING TO SEE WHAT KIND OF KIDS THEY ARE
SPLASH
HA HA HA
SPLASH

"I SAW A REALLY PRETTY AURA...."
HEY, DON'T BE SO ROWDY.
"SOMEHOW FAMILIAR AND DEAR.."

SPLASH
WHAT? WHAT IS IT?
EJ
KR
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?
WAH...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CRASH
TOTTER
UAA! ROW!?
DAMN ...!

WHAT STRANGE NEW-COMERS
HEY ARE YOU GUYS BROTHERS ...?

THE BOY GIVEN THE NAME MIKI, A NAME THEY HAD NEVER HEARD OF BEFORE.
AND THE SMALL BOY, RYU, WHO SPOKE VERY LITTLE HUMAN SPEECH.

I'VE GIVEN THESE TWO NAMES,
MIKI
AND RYU.

© SLEEPY

WOW- AMAZING YOU! WEREN'T EATEN BY THE DEMONS
ONLY THE TWO OF YOU!?
WE'VE BEEN TOGETHER SINCE WE MET EACH OTHER AFTER E-DAY.
NO
THAT WOULD PURPOSELY CALL THE DEMONS TO US...
WE DON'T WEAR NECKLACES
WELL...
WHAT...
NIGHT
DEMONS ARE SENSITIVE TO THE SMELL OF THEIR FELLOW DEMON'S BONES
ZZZ

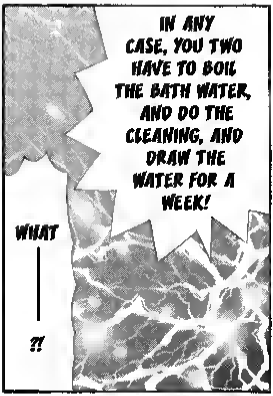
HEY, THAT NEW ONE REALLY IS A BEAUTY.
Ryu is cute too.
MUST BE SUZU-BAA'S TENACITY
YOU GUYS ARE NOISY! HURRY UP AND GO TO SLEEP!
WHAT ARE YOU MAD ABOUT, ROW?
WHAT THE HELL IS HE SUPPOSED TO BE...
I'M NOT MAD.
IT'S JUST
IT PISSES ME OFF FOR NO REASON
BE CARE-FUL!
IT WENT YOUR WAY!

ROW, OVER THERE ....!
CHITTER
I'M NOT LETTING YOU GET AWAY!!
GRAB
WHAT IS IT, RYUJI?
SQUEAL

THE RULE IS TO KILL ALL DEMONS, NO MATTER HOW WEAK OR SMALL, IN THIS AREA.
IT'S IN ORDER FOR US TO SURVIVE.
THIS IS THE OUMA AREA.
BECAUSE IT'S STILL YOUNG.
HE'S SAYING YOU SHOULD LET IT GET AWAY.
LIFT
THE DEMONS DON'T CARE ABOUT AREAS.
IT'S MORE DANGEROUS TO KILL A BABY AND HAVE THE PARENT COME AFTER US.

SQUEAL
CRUSH
THEN I'LL JUST KILL THE PARENTS AS WELL.
HEY, ISN'T THE SITUATION A BIT DANGER-OUS, MAO?
WORRY
JUST LEAVE THEM ALONE.
They always fight
PERIODICALS
GRIME
COWARDS SHOULD JUST STAY HOME AND WATCH THE HOUSE!

IS IT THAT FUN TO HUNT DEMONS?
WHAT?! YOU BASTARD ....
HEY, STOP IT, YOU GUYS!!
Arak!
REALLY, YOU TWO.
CAN'T YOU LEARN ANYTHING?
I really have no allies
I'VE TOLD YOU OVER AND OVER NOT TO HURT YOUR FACES!!
whatever


IN ANY CASE, YOU TWO HAVE TO BOIL THE BATH WATER, AND DO THE CLEANING, AND DRAW THE WATER FOR A WEEK!
WHAT——?!

TAKE THIS TO HEART.
AN IDOL'S LIFE IS HIS FACE!
WHAT IS THIS IDOL THING YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT?!
What does that have to do with anything?

HEY, SUZU-BAA.
ARE OLIMA DEMONS? OR HUMANS?

Man, this house is full of cobwebs.
A HOUSE-WIFE THIS TIME!?
PUT YOUR BACK INTO IT! YOU'LL NEVER MAKE A GOOD HOUSEWIFE!

AND ARE ALSO NEITHER.
WHO KNOWS ....
THEY ARE BOTH HUMAN AND DEMON.
THERE ARE OLIMA WITH STRONG DEMON POWERS LIKE ROW.
THE REASON HE LIKES BLOOD IS HIS DEMON NATURE.
YOU'RE A PURE DEMON, RIGHT?
BUT YOU DON'T KILL US.
I MAY LOOK LIKE THIS, BUT I AM AN OLD DEMON.
AT THIS POINT, I DON'T FEEL LIKE STEALING AND EATING CHILDREN.
YOU PROBABLY KNOW THIS BUT THIS LAND IS A MAN-MADE ISLAND
IT WAS BUILT BY BRINGING TOGETHER UNNEEDED LAND FROM AROUND JAPAN

I CAME HERE WITH THAT LAND

LAND THAT WAS ONCE FOREST AND WOODS AND FIELDS,
THE CRACKS IN THE DARKNESS THAT WERE THE HABITAT OF DEMONS,
THINGS THAT ARE DISAPPEARING NOW— THINGS THAT HUMANS HAVE THROWN AWAY AS UNNECESSARY.

ARE THERE THINGS IN THIS WORLD
THAT AREN'T NEEDED?
THINGS THAT AREN'T NEEDED, THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN THROWN AWAY... THOSE ARE THE DOMAIN OF NEGATIVITY
THAT....
IS SOMETHING FOR YOU TO DECIDE, MIKI.
THE ONLY LAND THE OUMA COULD INHABIT

MIKI
WHERE ARE YOU ...?
DO YOU FOLLOW HIM EVERY-WHERE?
MIKI IS CLEANING NOW. HE'S PROBABLY ON THE SECOND FLOOR NOW.
Ah- Tired-
HOW YOU'RE TIRED?
DO YOU WANT ME TO HELP BOIL THE WATER?
YOU ALWAYS USE DEMON WORDS
IF YOU DON'T USE YOUR HUMAN VOCAL CORDS YOU'LL REGRESS, YOU KNOW.
IF THAT HAPPENS YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO USE HUMAN WORDS. LIKE THE KIJIN. DO YOU UNDERSTAND? KIJIN
The ones closer to demons than the Oumie
Try using human words a little.

THAT'S NOT IT. MIKI!
NNI- NKI-
NO, NO, NO. MI-
UII ---!
NNI--
A SONG?
SMARTING
YOU CAN'T HELP IT YOU RE STILL SMALL
YUP SONGS OPEN UP THE VOCAL CORDS THE MOST
THAT'S HOW WE LEARNED TO SPEAK FROM SUZU-BAA.
LET'S PRACTICE WITH A SONG!

I CAN HEAR A SONG...
The sands on the shore, Ebbs, then piles up
It simply piles up if hollowed. It makes no sound
Only beautiful white bones emerge, The color of the shells are the crimson of the sun, The white snow of the shore, the blue of the waves.

THEN ONE MORE TIME!
YOU'VE GOTTEN BETTER.
I...
AH SORRY
ROW!?
SWAY

WHAT ABOUT ROW?!
THERE ARE THOSE WHO DIE, UNABLE TO BEAR THIS FIRST TRANSFORMATION
YES.
TRANCE?
IF THE TRANSFORMATION GOES WRONG HE COULD BECOME A KIJIN, WHICH IS CLOSER TO A DEMON
HIS LATENT POWER IS STRONG.
IF HE SHOULD TURN INTO ONE, HE WILL SOMEDAY BRING DISASTER UPON US.

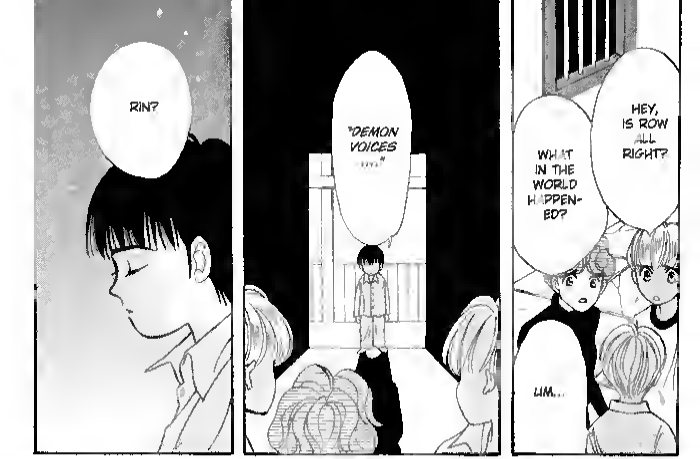
IF ROW BECOMES A KIJIN
I WILL KILL HIM
SUZU-BAA!
IF HE WANTS TO LIVE HE JUST HAS TO KILL ME
THAT'S HOW IT IS HERE
THAT'S RIDIC-ULOUS
WE'RE LIKE A FAMILY...

YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO LIVE LONG, MIKI.

HOW'S ROW?
WHAT DID SUZU-RAA SAY?
HE'LL GET BETTER.
IT'LL BE FINE.
SLAM
MIKI!
SOME-THING BAD'S HAPPENED! MIKI!
ROW'S GONE!!

I CAN HEAR THEM...
I CAN HEAR THE DEMON VOICES...
GO MAD... GO MAD...
BECOME A KIJIN AND LOSE YOUR HUMAN HEART
STOP!
YOU WILL DEVOUR EVEN YOUR FRIENDS...
PLEASE STOP!

WHAT IS IT, MIKI?
NO....!!
ROW'S VOICE
CREAK


RIN?
"DEMON VOICES ....."
HEY, IS ROW ALL RIGHT?
WHAT IN THE WORLD HAPPENED?
LIM...

"KIJIN..."
ROW'S PRESENCE STILL REMAINS
"I CAN HEAR THEM..."

"DON'T COME..."
"NO ONE..."

"SOMEPLACE NO ONE CAN FOLLOW ME TO..."
"MINT..."
THE HILL OF MINTS?
I'LL GO.
BUT... THAT PLACE IS CRAWLING WITH DEMONS...
WAIT HERE!
I'LL BRING ROW BACK!
MIKI!!

RYU
HE TAUGHT YOU A SONG.
BE A GOOD BOY, RYU!
MIKI!!
THE MOONLIGHT THAT SHINES INCESSANTLY
SILVER SPEAR
SAAAAAAA..!
INDICATIONS OF DEMONS CONCEALING THEIR PRESENCE

I'M NOT SHIVERING.....
AM I GOING TO BE ONE OF YOU...?
PRETTY SOON...
I DON'T FEEL GOOD
A STORM RAGES IN MY BODY...
"ROW..."
DISTORTING BONES, BUBBLING BLOOD...
HAA HAA HAA
COUGH

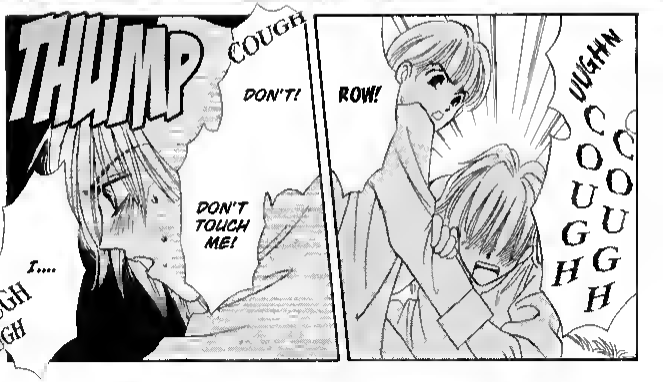
WHY DO I HEAR HIS VOICE AT A TIME LIKE THIS?
WHY?
"ROW ...."
"ROW ..."
ROW...
I DIDN'T IMAGINE IT...

ROW
...!
MIKI
...!

I'VE FINALLY FOUND YOU.
THANK GOOD-NESS!
I'M NOT WEARING A NECKLACE THAT ATTRACTS DEMONS.
I'M FINE. I TOLD YOU.
BY YOURSELF IN THIS DANGEROUS PLACE!
WHY ARE YOU ....

I WON'T GO UNTIL YOU DO
YOU'RE SO STUPID!
GO HOME ALREADY!
IT'LL BE ALL RIGHT, ROW.
SQUEEZE
BECAUSE I'LL HOLD YOU.

I WANT TO CRY...
FOR SOME REASON...
THERE'S NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF, ROW
"NO! I DON'T WANT TO BECOME A KIJIN!"
I COULD HEAR YOUR VOICE
"I DON'T WANT TO LOSE MY HEART!"


THUMP
COUGH
DON'T!
DON'T TOUCH ME!
I....
COUGH COUGH
ROW!
UUGHN
COUGH
COUGH

I...
THUMP
SET FREE THE DEMON WITHIN YOU.
NO!
THE TIME HAS COME.
NO!
THE TIME HAS COME. THE TIME HAS COME. THE TIME HAS COME.
AAH....
ROW ...!?
UWAAAAA

SFX: SNIKT
TWITCH
SNIKT
ROW ...!?
SNAP
SCATTER

SMILE
SLASH
RO-W-

TSU...
WARM BLOOD..
DRIP DRIP
RO W
I WANT TO TEAR IT APART AND EAT IT,
THAT BODY...

I WANT TO TAKE IT APART....
IT'S ME! YOU CAN'T TELL?!
REMEMBER, ROW!!
RO...
TSU

AHH
SLASH
WHY
HUH
LICK
SHUDDER

"THINGS THAT AREN'T NEEDED."
ROW
"HIS DEMON POWER IS STRONG."
"THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN THROWN AWAY... THOSE ARE THE DOMAIN OF NEGATIVITY."
"IF HE BECOMES A KIJIN I WILL KILL HIM."
ROW..
ROW...

AH...
AA...
DRIP
DRIP
...WRONG
ARE THERE THINGS IN THIS WORLD THAT AREN'T NEEDED?
THIS IS WRONG...
THIS IS WRONG...

THAT IS SOMETHING FOR YOU TO DECIDE. .
WHAT?
THUMP
THE ON SH ORE
ERBS PILES
PLIES HOLLOWED NO SOLIND
ONLY BEAUTI BONES EMERGE

THE COLOR OF THE SHELLS ARE THE CRIMSON OF THE SUN,
THE WHITE SNOW OF THE SHORE, THE BLUE OF THE WAVES.
I KNOW THIS SONG...
ドクン
SFX: THUMP

THERE IS NOTHING IN THIS WORLD THAT ISN'T NEEDED,
THINGS THAT ARE THROWN AWAY, THINGS THAT DISAPPEAR, THINGS THAT ARE ABHORRED,
EVEN THOSE THINGS
ROW
...

THERE IS NOTHING IN THIS WORLD THAT ISN'T NEEDED.
...MI
MI...KI
...

WHAT I STILL FIND STRANGE IS THAT WE DIDN'T MEET A SINGLE DEMON ALL THE WAY HOME
ON THE WAY HOME, AS I CARRIED MIKI, WHO WAS COVERED IN BLOOD,
MIKI LAUGHED AT ME AS MY TEARS WOULDN'T STOP.

RUSTLE
CHITTER
CACKLE
VANISH
....
CACKLE
GYA!
GYA!
MIKI
....

7 YEARS LATER

I NEVER IMAGINED WE'D ACTUALLY BECOME IDOLS

ROW-KUN!

I WANTED TO ASK YOU ABOUT YOUR FAVORITE SONG BEFORE THE SHOOT!

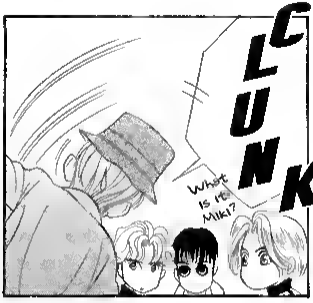
MY FAVORITE SONG?

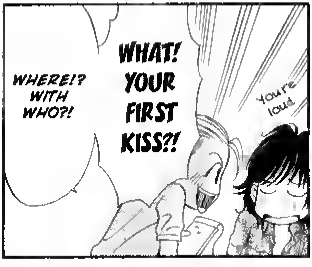
YES, PLEASE NAME ONE

IT CAN BE A SLEEPER SONG OR SOMEONE ELSE'S SONG

GOOD MORNING
GOOD MORNING!
I HAVE ONE BUT I'M NOT GOING TO TELL YOU
WHAT- WHY?!
YOU LITTLE SNOT
WHY...?
OH, SORRY
WELL, THE REASON IS,
GOOD MORNING
YES!
OH, ROW YOU'RE EARLY
Ah, you're working already

THE SONG I LOVE THE MOST
IS THE SONG I HEARD WHEN I HAD MY FIRST KISS


CLUNK
What is it, Miki?


WHAT! YOUR FIRST KISS?!
WHERE!? WITH WHO?!
You're loud.

That bastard-
You're talking too much.

I'M SORRY
IT'S TOO PRECIOUS TO ME, I CAN'T TALK ABOUT IT
Ah- you're making it a secret
I CAN TAKE POLAROIDS OF THOSE WHO ARE READY
FWAP
HEY, WORK SERIOUSLY
I AM.
IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL SONG
WELL THEN, ROW-KUN
CAN YOU AT LEAST TELL US WHAT KIND OF SONG IT WAS?

"SOMEHOW... VERY FAMILIAR AND DEAR

THE EMORMOUS GATE THAT RISES FROM THE DARKNESS
MIKIIII...
MIKIIII...
OVER AND OVER FROM THE OTHER SIDE?
WHO IS IT THAT CALLS ME
#1 人間か悪魔か MAN OR EVIL III

#1
人間か悪魔か
MAN OR EVIL III

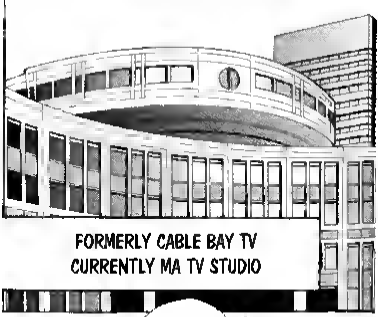
MIKI...
MIKI?
DID YOU HAVE A NIGHTMARE?
ROW...
YOU LOOK LIKE YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU ARE.

SOMEONE WAS CALLING ME IN A DREAM...
I SEE THE SAME DREAM LATELY
A PLACE I'VE NEVER BEEN BEFORE, A VOICE I'VE NEVER HEARD BEFORE...
I WON'T LET YOU DREAM ABOUT SOMEONE ELSE WHILE YOU'RE NEXT TO ME
WHAT ....

ROW...
...TSU
STOP IT! I'M ALREADY...
I WON'T STOP.

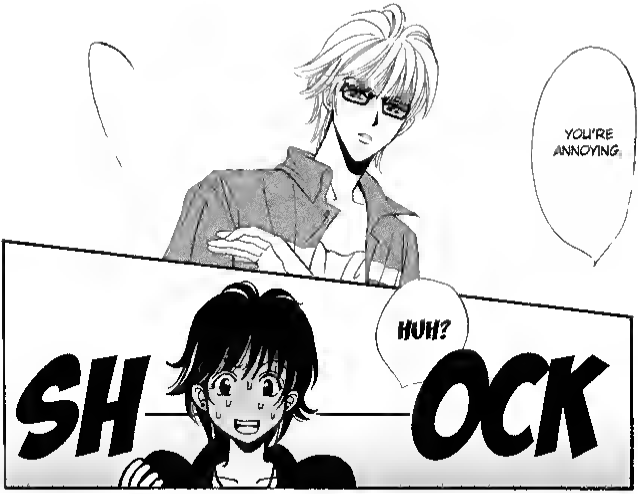
NN...
....AH!
YOU... IDIOT.
IF YOU'RE GOING TO DREAM, DREAM ABOUT ME.

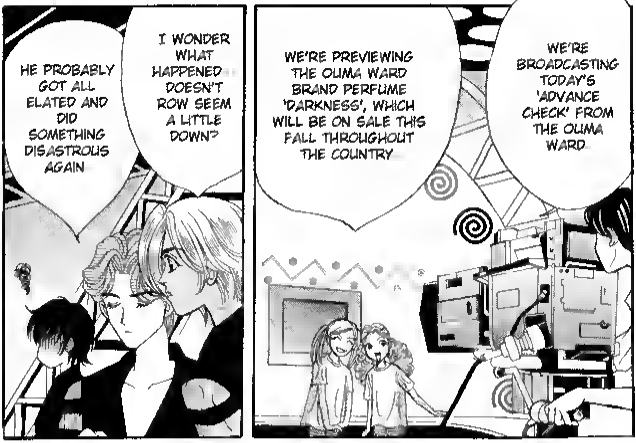
YOU GOT TO SLEEP, RIGHT?!


FORMERLY CABLE BAY TV
CURRENTLY MA TV STUDIO

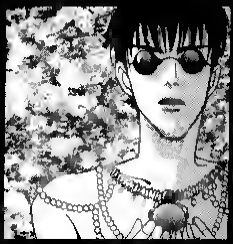
WHY ARE YOU SO PRICKLY?

DON'T TOUCH ME
OH..?
DID IT FEEL THAT GOOD?
CHU
THANKS TO YOU
I DIDN'T EVEN DREAM ABOUT YOU


YOU'RE ANNOYING.
HUH?
SH OCK


I WONDER WHAT HAPPENED DOESN'T ROW SEEM A LITTLE DOWN?
HE PROBABLY GOT ALL ELATED AND DID SOMETHING DISASTROUS AGAIN
WE'RE PREVIEWING THE OUMA WARD BRAND PERFUME 'DARKNESS', WHICH WILL BE ON SALE THIS FALL THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY
WE'RE BROADCASTING TODAY'S 'ADVANCE CHECK' FROM THE OUMA WARD

THIS IS A LIVE BROAD-CAST
TALK QUIET-LY
HEY, HEY, WHAT'S DISAST-ROUS!?
IT'S ROW AND MIKI'S PROBLEM, RIGHT?
MAO, YOU'RE SO COLD
SEE?
Miki's in a bad mood-
YOU KNOW
THE IDOL GROUP SLEEPER, BORN OF THE OUMA WARD!
Business Mode
TODAY'S GUEST IS THE IMAGE CHARACTER OF THIS NEW PRODUCT 'DARKNESS'
Darkness
Darkness
AND NOW HERE'S THE MUCH TALKED-ABOUT COMMERCIAL FOR 'DARKNESS'!



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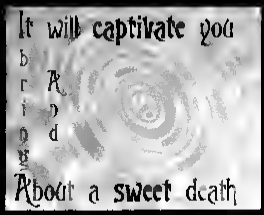

It will captivate you
And
bring
About a sweet death

DOESN'T THIS 'DARKNESS' USE THE MINT THAT GROWS WILD IN THE OUMA WARD?
THIS POSTER GETS PEELED OF AS SOON AS IT'S POSTED IN THE CITY.
THAT REFRESHINGLY COOL SCENT LIKE THE DEPTHS OF A FOREST IS JUST LOVELY!
YES, IT'S SIMILAR TO THE MINT WE'RE FAMILIAR WITH.
BEAUTY JOURNALIST SHIRAISHI MOMOKO
DEMONS ARE QUITE GOOD AT BUSINESS AS WELL, AREN'T THEY?
SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGIST MIYAMOTO SHINJI
Darkness
Embraced in Darkness
Thicker than Darkness

WHO IS THAT OLD DUDE?
THE GUY THAT WROTE THE "TREATISE DE OUMA" THAT'S SELLING SO WELL NOW
I HEARD THIS COMMERCIAL SHOOT WAS QUITE DIFFICULT
I WAS SUBMERGED IN WATER ALL DAY AND ALMOST CAUGHT A COLD
Miki was drowning!
OH ..?
SO DEMONS CATCH COLDS AS WELL?
WE AREN'T DEMONS
WE'RE OUMA
ROW !
EXCUSE ME
BUT I'M REFERRING TO DEMONS AS A GENERAL IDEA, AND NOT IN THE LINGUISTIC SENSE

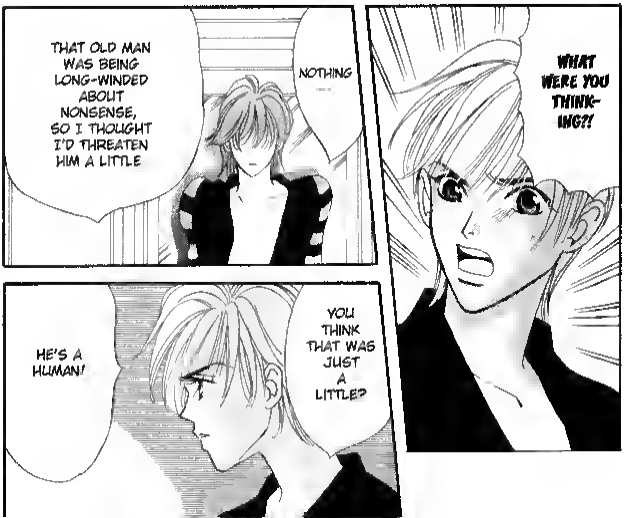
IS "THAT WHICH DIFFERS FROM EVERYDAY REALITY" IN OTHER WORDS, FANTASY
THE DEMON I'M REFERRING TO
HE'S NOT A VERY SMART MAN, SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE CONCERNED, RYO.
I don't know either!
WHAT IS HE TALKING ABOUT?
AND MAKE SO MUCH OF FANTASY
BUT I BELIEVE IT'S DANGEROUS TO TURN THEIR EYES AWAY FROM REALITY
YOUNGSTERS SWARM AROUND DEMON IDOLS AND HAVE AN EASY TASTE OF ANOTHER WORLD
WE'RE FANTASY?
HA HA I NEVER THOUGHT I'D RECEIVE A LECTURE ON COMMON SENSE FROM YOU PEOPLE
SHACKLED BY THIS COMMON SENSE YOU REFER TO?
I WAS GOING TO INQUIRE ABOUT YOUR "TREATISE DE OUMA" AFTERWARDS ...
DON'T ROW!
AREN'T YOU THE ONE WHO'S TURNING YOUR EYES FROM REALITY?
WAIT A MINUTE, MISTER

SUDDENLY
WATCH CLOSELY
THIS IS REALITY!
THUMP
THUMP
ROW!!
UWAAA....!
YOU'RE SCARED OF SEEING SOMETHING BEYOND YOUR COMMON SENSE, RIGHT?
DRAG
BANG
KYAAA!!
BANG

RIN!! PUT UP A BARRIER AND PROTECT THE HUMANS FROM HIS MALEVOLENCE!
POP
OK! YOU AND RYU SHOULD FALL BACK, TOO!
NO!!
SWOOSH
KA-KOOM
KA-KOOM
MAO, TAKE CARE OF THAT GUY, OKAY? I'M GOING TO STOP ROW
YES, YES
RUSTLE
CROW, HEADING OUT!
THIS IS DANGEROUS! SHOULD WE GO TO COMMERCIAL?
POP
NO, KEEP SHOOTING!
OUTSIDERS RARELY GET FOOTAGE OF AN OUMA'S TRANCE!

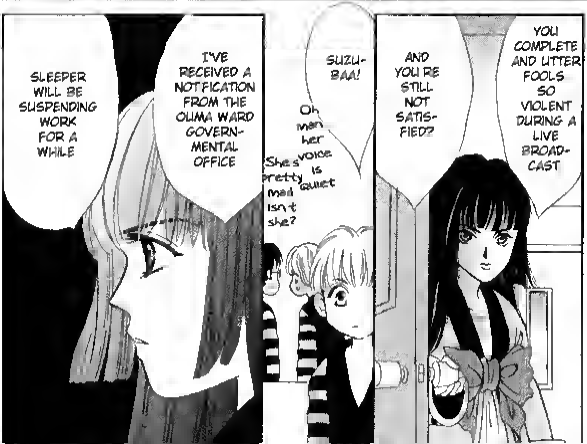
A MONSTER!!
Haa Haa
THAT'S RIGHT
DEMONS EAT HUMANS WHO HAVE DOUBT IN THEIR HEARTS
ROW!
YOU KNOW OUMA DON'T EAT HUMANS!
GRAB
SHALL I EAT YOU?
H-----!
CROW?! LET GO!!
WHAT A BOTHER IT IS, TO TRANCE
AH! IT'S THE CAT SPIRIT!
It's been a while!
NYP

H-H-HELP ME!!
MYA
I'M HELPING YOU, AREN'T I?
DRAG
Mister are you all right?
THIS IS AWFULE, MAO! THE SKIN ON THE MAN'S HEAD SLIPPED OFF!
THE SKIN ON HUMAN'S HEADS SLIPS OFF WHEN THEY'RE SURPRISED, YOU KNOW
You're teaching him lies again


WHAT WERE YOU THINK-ING?!
NOTHING
THAT OLD MAN WAS BEING LONG-WINDED ABOUT NONSENSE, SO I THOUGHT I'D THREATEN HIM A LITTLE
YOU THINK THAT WAS JUST A LITTLE?
HE'S A HUMAN!

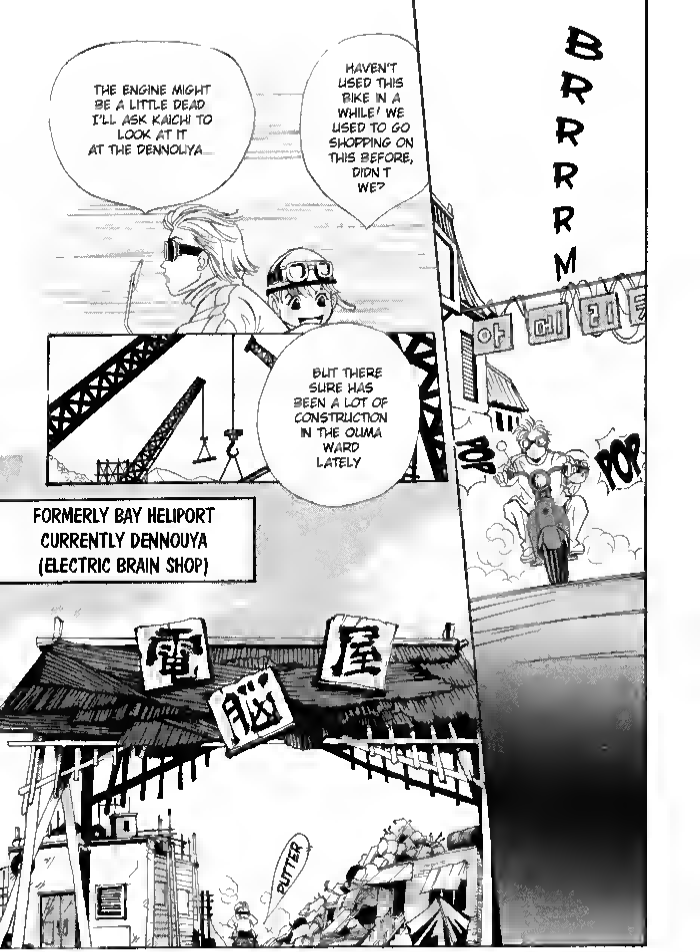
HE'S A HUMAN THAT TREATS US LIKE MONSTERS, RIGHT?
YOU'RE THE ONE LACKING COMMON SENSE
WHY ARE YOU TALKING LIKE THE HUMANS... ABOUT COMMON SENSE AND THINGS LIKE THAT?
WHAT?
DO YOU WANT TO PRETEND TO BE HUMAN THAT BADLY?!
SLAP

MIKI
...


YOU COMPLETE AND UTTER FOOLS SO VIOLENT DURING A LIVE BROAD-CAST
AND YOU RE STILL NOT SATIS-FIED?
SUZU-BAA!
Oh man her voice is quiet
She's pretty mad isn't she?
I'VE RECEIVED A NOTFICATION FROM THE OUMA WARD GOVERN-MENTAL OFFICE
SLEEPER WILL BE SUSPENDING WORK FOR A WHILE

GROUNDED
EVERYONE GO HOME AND COOL DOWN.
KNOCK KNOCK
MIKI YOU DIDN'T SLEEP?
NO I HAD SOME BAD DREAMS AND I WOKE UP
WILL WE SING AND DANCE ON TV AGAIN?
THAT I'M SURE WE WILL
SUZU-BAA IS GOING AROUND APLOGIZING
I sent a box of cakes to that soldier!
FORMERLY CHINATOWN
CURRENTLY KIJIN TOWN

I CAN'T TRANCE
I CAN'T STOP ROW WHEN HE DOES
THAT'S TRUE
THEN THERE'S NO REASON TO FEEL SAD!
ONLY
HM?
SINCE WE HAVE THIS BREAK
YOU KNOW, YOU KNOW
MIKI
I can't either...
LET'S HAVE FUN!
HM- WE ARE GROUNDED YOU KNOW
Change of Pace not pace of Change
Mao said so
IT'S GOOD TO HAVE FUN FOR A PACE OF CHANGE WHEN YOU'RE LIKE THAT
WAI!
...
PITTER PATTER


THE ENGINE MIGHT BE A LITTLE DEAD I'LL ASK KAICHI TO LOOK AT IT AT THE DENNOUYA...
HAVEN'T USED THIS BIKE IN A WHILE! WE USED TO GO SHOPPING ON THIS BEFORE, DIDN'T WE?
BRRRRM
BUT THERE SURE HAS BEEN A LOT OF CONSTRUCTION IN THE OUMA WARD LATELY
POP
POP
FORMERLY BAY HELIPORT
CURRENTLY DENNOUYA
(ELECTRIC BRAIN SHOP)
電脳屋
PUTTER

YO!
KAICHI!!
YOU'VE COME, IDOL BOYS!
CLANG
OOPS!
CRASH
YOU MADE THE CHERRY BLOSSOM TREE IN THE HUMAN CEMETERY BLOOM?
LONG TIME NO SEE, MIKI
IT'S THE PERFUME WE'RE DOING THE COMMERCIAL FOR!
SQUEEZE
GYMLA-HAHA
HEY YOU SMELL GOOD, YOU LITTLE RASCAL!
Amazing reflexes as always
Your beard hurts

KAICHI HAD RUN AROUND BY HIMSELF, APART FROM THE MASSES OF OUMA, FROM WHEN HE WAS SMALL
He survived only thanks to his athletic ability
HE COLLECTED AND REPAIRED JUNK AND OPENED THIS DENNOUYA
I DON'T COLLECT ONLY JUNK, YOU KNOW
HOW DID YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT, KAICHI?
THERE'S NOTHING I DON'T KNOW IN THIS TOWN
WELL
HE'S SHY
AH THE ONE KAIMEI MADE
THE GAME I BOUGHT LAST TIME WAS REALLY FUN
OH? I WANT TO MEET HIM!
SUZU-BAA'S THE ONLY ONE MAKING MONEY
YOU'RE MAKING MONEY RIGHT? WHY DON'T YOU GET RID OF THIS SCRAP AND GET A NEW ONE?

KAIME!?
HE'S AN ODD ONE
HE WAS A PROGRAMMER FOR OCTAGON IN HIS TEENS
HE KNOWS HIS PAST EVEN THOUGH HE'S AN OUMA?
YUP
HE HAD HIS SECURITY CARD WHEN I FOUND HIM
YOU COLLECTED KAIME! TOO?
You guys should be all right
COME ON
IF YOU WANT TO MEET HIM I'LL TAKE YOU TO HIM
KAIME!'S NOT JUST AN ORDINARY OUMA
RATTLE

PI
PI
PI
CLAT
TER
HE'S A FUSION OF DEMON, HUMAN AND COMPUTER.

KAIMEI, SOME OLD CUSTOMERS OF MINE
I KNOW
MEMBERS OF THE OUMA WARD IDOL GROUP SLEEPER
MIKI
AND RYU, RIGHT?
FLICKER
WAH!

WOW!
SWOOSH
NICE TO MEET YOU. I'M KAIMEI.
WHAT IS THIS?!
WIND AROUND
UWA!
OH? HOW UNUSUAL. LOOKS LIKE KAIMEI LIKES YOU.
Chuckle
SHAKING HANDS...? IT'S NICE TO MEET YOU.
DON'T WORRY, IT'S HIS WAY OF SHAKING HANDS.
HOW TO DO YOU?

MIKI AND RYU ARE QUITE THE ODD ONES.
VERY INTERESTING.
YOU SHOULD TAKE VITAMIN D AND GET ENOUGH SLEEP.
YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE IS LOW TOO.
YOU'RE LACKING IN IRON AND CALCIUM IN YOUR BLOOD
BECAUSE WE'RE IDOLS?
ODD ONES?
LOOK WHO'S TALKING.
HUH?
MIKI.
DOESN'T IT SMELL GOOD?
IT'S THE OUMA WARD BRAND PERFUME
THE SCENT YOU'RE WEARING...?
AND RYU...
HEY KAIMEI, WE DON'T DO MEDICAL CHECK-UPS!
Want to take some serum?
HE CAN FIGURE OUT STUFF LIKE THAT TOO?!

NO PROBLEM YOU'RE ALWAYS WELCOME HERE
THANK YOU! FOR REPAIRING THE BIKE FOR FREE...
CAN I COME AND SEE KAIME! AGAIN?
I got a lot of games!
GAMES
I SEE...
VRRRMM
Later!
Bye-bye!
TELL EVERY-ONE ELSE 'HI'!
PI
CLATTER
PI
OF 'DARKNESS', IS IT...
THE SCENT

DON'T COME OVER ONLY WHEN YOU WANT TO RELECT
FORMERLY BAY AREA HOTEL
CURRENTLY OUMA WARD
PUBLIC HOUSING
SHOULDN'T YOU BE SOMEWHERE ELSE?
WHY NOT? WE'RE NEIGHBORS!
On different floors in the same building
ROLLING AROUND
SIGH

The top demon that women want to sleep with
ALL YOU DO IS SIGH HOW PITIFUL!
DEEP SIGH
WHY CAN'T OUR RELATIONSHIP WORK?
WHO KNOWS
THAT'S RIGHT
YOU TWO HAVE FOUGHT SINCE THE FIRST TIME YOU MET
Oh my...
WE'RE ALWAYS BACK TO BACK
EVEN THOUGH I WANT TO ALWAYS HOLD HIM

BECAUSE THINGS DON'T GO THE WAY I WANT THEM TO...
I HURT HIM
BUT... I WANT TO GET INSIDE HIM, EVEN IF I HURT HIM
INTO HIS HEART,
AM I BEING WILLFUL?
NO
IT'S KIND OF ENVIABLE
WHAT PART?!
IN THE FIRST PLACE...

EVEN IF YOU'RE BACK TO BACK, IF ONE PERSON TURNS AROUND
THEN THEY CAN HOLD THE OTHER ONE, RIGHT?
MAO
TO BE ABLE TO LOVE SOMEONE THAT MUCH...
Should I apologize to Miki?
Why don't you hurry and go?

I THINK THA'S QUITE HUMAN...ROW

SOMEONE CALLS ME
AN ENORMOUS GATE
AH... IT'S THAT DREAM AGAIN
MIC!!!!
WHO?
WHO IS IT...?
CREAK
I WANT TO KNOW WHO IT IS
FLUTTER
WAIT...!

CHERRY BLOSSOM PETALS..
DON'T...
DON'T CROSS THE GATE...
THE CHERRY BLOSSOM TREE THAT DOESN'T BLOOM?
WHOOSH
DON'T GO...!
THIS VOICE...

THE ILLUSION THE CHERRY BLOSSOM TREE SHOWED ME...
I'LL PROTECT YOU...
AH, BUT...
CREAK
THE GATE IS GOING TO OPEN?!
NN...
KNOCK, KNOCK

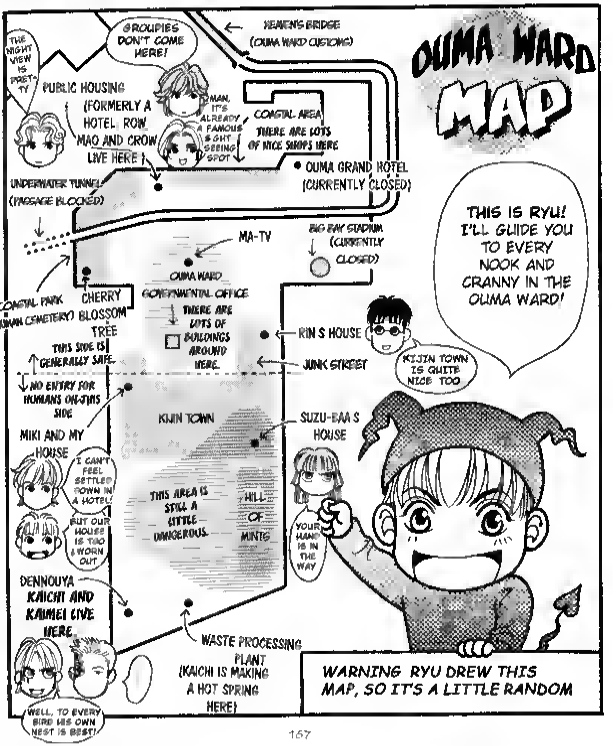
ROW!
OH?
IS MIKI ALREADY SLEEPING?
SORRY ABOUT COMING SO LATE
MIKI!
ROW IS HERE!
WHAT..? WHAT IS THIS MALEVOLENCE THAT ENVELOPS THE HOUSE...?
I'LL WAKE HIM UP.
WAIT... RYU, IF HE'S SLEEPING!
DASH

MI...KI?
ミ・・・キ!!!

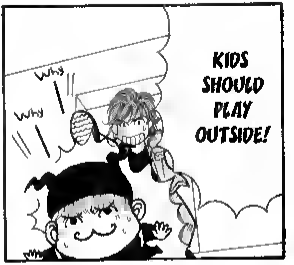
END OF VOLUME

★SPECIAL GIFT★

THE OUMA WARD SIGHTSEEING GUIDE!


OUMA WARD MAP
THIS IS RYU! I'LL GUIDE YOU TO EVERY NOOK AND CRANNY IN THE OUMA WARD!
KOJIN TOWN IS QUITE NICE TOO
WARNING RYU DREW THIS MAP, SO IT'S A LITTLE RANDOM
HEMENS BRIDGE (OUMA WARD CUSTOMS)
@ROUPIES DON'T COME HERE!
THE NIGHT VIEW IS PRETTY
PUBLIC HOUSING (FORMERLY A HOTEL. ROW MAO AND CROW LIVE HERE)
MAN, IT'S ALREADY A FAMOUS & OFT SEEING SPOT
COASTAL AREA THERE ARE LOTS OF NICE SHOPS HERE
OUMA GRAND HOTEL (CURRENTLY CLOSED)
UNDERWATER TUNNEL (PASSAGE BLOCKED)
MA-TV
BIG RAY STADIUM (CURRENTLY CLOSED)
COASTAL PARK (HUMAN CEMETERY)
CHERRY BLOSSOM TREE
OUMA WARD GOVERNMENTAL OFFICE
THERE ARE LOTS OF BUILDINGS AROUND HERE.
RIN S HOUSE
JUNK STREET
THIS SIDE IS GENERALLY SAFE.
NO ENTRY FOR HUMANS OR JIS THIS SIDE
KOJIN TOWN
SUZU-BAA S HOUSE
MIKI AND MY HOUSE
I CAN'T FEEL SETTLED DOWN IN A HOTEL!
BUT OUR HOUSE IS TOO WORN OUT!
THIS AREA IS STILL A LITTLE DANGEROUS.
HILL OF MINTS
YOUR HAND IS IN THE WAY
DENNOUYA KAICHI AND KAIMEI LIVE HERE
WASTE PROCESSING PLANT (KAICHI IS MAKING A HOT SPRING HERE)
WELL, TO EVERY BIRD HIS OWN NEST IS BEST!

THE FIRST THING WE'LL INTRODUCE IS THE BATH WITH THE PERFECT VIEW!
....HEY!
WHY ARE YOU VIDEOTAPING IN MY HOUSE?
OH — ROW?
MAKE SURE YOU INTRODUCE THE FAMOUS SIGHTSEEING SPOTS
CROW-CHAN SAID THAT YOUR BATH WAS A FAMOUS SIGHTSEEING SPOT!!
IDIOT!!
THIS IS MY PRIVATE SPACE USED ONLY BY ME!!
WHA...
IT IS NOT! YOU'RE ALWAYS INVITING MIKI TO USE THE BATH!



KIJIN TOWN

*shouronbou - mini pork bun

*cat-tongued

M-MISTER?!
AH, MISTER WHAT ARE THE INGREDIENTS IN THIS SHOURONBOU?
Geez~ It's good when it's hot...
WAIT, MAO?!
WAH
There are even more of them, too!
WELL THEN, I THINK I'LL GO HOME AND EAT SOMEN OR SOMETHING.
IT HAS TO BE SPORTS!
WELL, WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT BEING OUTSIDE
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO RIN?
ROW TOLD ME TO GO OUTSIDE.

BREATHE
OUT!
HA!
RYU, YOU DO IT TOO! TAIKYOKUKEN IS GOOD FOR THE BODY.
IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE A SPORT.
HEALTH MANIAC
SLOWLY
BBRING
BBRING
It's the phone!
OH? KAICHI?
HELLO, THIS IS RYU.
WHAT IS IT?
HE SAYS COME NOW

WHAT'S THAT KAICHI UP TO?
Summoning us all of a sudden.
Ryu
Miki
HEY! EVERYONE'S HERE
WHAT THE HELL IS THAT?!
You're the Yumi Kaoru of SLEEPER.
MIKI SHOULD GO TAKE A BATH AT ONCE.
How are we like Mito Komon?!
Using the heat from the waste processing plant.
I HEARD HE MADE A HOT SPRING.
WELCOME EVERYONE, TO MY HOT SPRING!!
No sleeves even in the winter.

* NOTE Yumi Kaoru was an idol and was in the cast of the historical drama Mito Komon

I NAME IT
THE SPA RESORT OUMA SPRING!
USING A JAPANESE GARDEN
Looks cold. It's a lake, isn't it?
OUMA SPRING
WHERE'S THE HOT SPRING?!
There are only rocks.
WE HAVEN'T FILLED IT WITH THE HOT WATER YET
LIM, KAICHI
Ah, it's Kaimei-
WAIT A MINUTE! JUST WATCH, EVERY-ONE!
SQUEAK
THE HOT WATER WILL FLOW OUT OF THE MOUTH OF THIS LION!
RUMBLE
RUUMMBBLE
Smoke? Not hot water?

巻末特別フロク 逢魔が区観光ガイド！＋END

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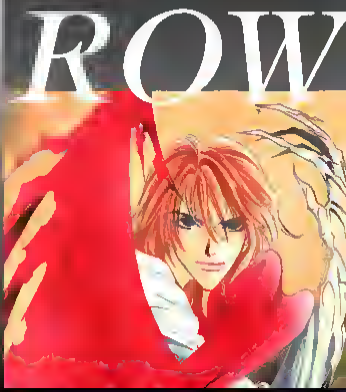

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